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2. The allowed claim(s) is/are <u>1-12</u> .		
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DETAILED ACTION

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Mr. Joel R. Meyer on 5/20/05.

The application has been amended as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

1. In claim 1, please replace claim 1 with the following: -- A system for detecting a watermark in host data which includes: a pre-filter which removes aspects of the host data that are not carrying a watermark signal, thereby enhancing the signal to noise rations of the watermark signal, and

a watermark detection mechanism, which utilizes knowledge of characteristics of a watermark to detect the presence of a watermark. –

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Norman M. Wright whose telephone number is (571) 272-3488. The examiner can normally be reached on 5/4/9 compressed week.

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Greg Morse can be reached on (571) 272-3838. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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